

Remarks:

Reconsideration of the application is requested. Claims 2-4, and 6-37 are now in the application. Claims 2-4, 6-7, 9, 11-12, 22 have been amended. Claim 1 has been canceled. Claims 27-37 have been added.

In items 2-16 of the Office action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-4, 6, 12, and 19-22 under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103.

However, in item 18 of the Office action, the Examiner allowed claims 23-26. In light of this allowance claim 1 was cancelled and claims 2-4, 6, 12, and 19-22 (as well as claims 7-11 and 13-18) were amended to depend ultimately on claim 26.

In item 17 of the Office action, the Examiner objected to claims 5 [sic], 7-11, and 13-18. The Examiner should note that claim 5 was canceled as part of the first amendment mailed on September 12, 2000. Claims 7-11 and 13-18 have been rewritten as new independent claims 27-37 containing all of the features of their base claims plus any intervening claims. Accordingly, claims 27-37 should be allowable as well.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of claims 2-4 and 6-37 are solicited. In the event the Examiner should still find any of the claims to be unpatentable, please telephone counsel so that patentable language can be

substituted. In the alternative, the entry of the amendment is requested as it is believed to place the application in better condition for appeal, without requiring extension of the field of search.

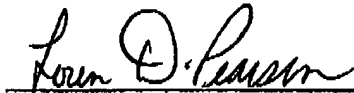
A credit card authorization for \$432 is attached to provide for ten (10) extra total claims and three (3) surplus independent claims.

If an extension of time for this paper is required, petition for extension is herewith made.

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